

**Ayurveda.**—Under "Ayurveda", we propose to start a new Ayurvedic Hospital at Trippunittura with the necessary staff, which would satisfy a real need. The possibility of combating malaria by the application of Ayurvedic medicines, is under investigation and a special Vaidyan has been appointed for the purpose. An allotment of Rs. 10,000 has, in addition, been made under "Advances" to manufacture medicines of standard quality and to open a sales department for making good medicines available to the public at a moderately cheap price.

**Public Works.**—Another item which comes within the scheme of a progressive programme is "Public Works." As already stated, it may be seen from the programme of works before you that, except for the construction of Police and Military lines which are essential for the efficiency of the force and which involve a total outlay of about Rs. 1.2 lakhs, there is no building-construction worth the name provided for next year. The construction of groynes in Cheriakadavu, etc., and for which the House sanctioned a grant of Rs. 0.63 lakh this year could not be carried through for various reasons and hence a provision of Rs. 75,000 has been made therefor next year. Three other important schemes which would certainly go a long way to better the economic condition of the State, are either in progress or in embryo—I mean the Anamalais Road, the Chalakkudi Diversion Scheme and the Thottara Pancha Scheme. Though managed by the Public Works Department these schemes fall under "Capital Outlay" and I shall, therefore, reserve further remarks when I come to that subject.

**Panchayats.**—Next I come to the "Panchayats" which should correctly be the ideal units of local administration catering to all the needs of the Villages they serve with their definite works of Sanitation, Irrigation, Communications, etc. A very large provision of Rs. 4.06 lakhs is made for the Panchayats for next year. The striking features of the enhanced allotment are the additional amount of Rs. 10,000 for a better maintenance of the Panchayat roads and the special contribution of Rs. 1.75 lakhs.—Rs. 1.70 lakhs for irrigation works and Rs. 5,000 for wells in littoral tracts. Government fully realise that in the development of irrigation facilities for cultivation lies the salvation of the rural population and their motto will be "Irrigation, more irrigation and yet more irrigation" as His Excellency the late Viceroy now Viscount Halifax once stated. By a discretionary and well-advised use of this large grant, we hope that a great impetus would be given to the agricultural development of the several villages by the improvement of "Irrigation" and that there would be a steady increase in the agricultural out-put of the villages. It has also been decided that this allotment should be non-lapsable.

The budget before you further envisages the distribution of the lump provision for "Original Works" among the several Panchayats on the basis of their respective population and area. The works have to be decided by the Panchayats after scrutiny by Government.

#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC SERVICES

I shall now proceed to the provision made for Socio-economic services, like Co-operation, Rural Development and Uplift of the Depressed Classes.

Government are continuing without any limitation their Socio-economic services.

**Co-operation.**—Provision has been included in the budget for the Co-operative department as usual for development of non-official co-operative efforts by the issue of loans and grants to Co-operative Societies. Non-credit Societies are given an impetus by providing grants with a view to developing Co-operative mentality, by appointing paid Secretaries, etc. A sum of Rs. 2,500 has also been ear-marked for the Marketing Society engaged in the development of cottage industries. On the vote of this House, the Government have sanctioned the proposal of the Land Mortgage Bank to guarantee the issue of their debentures to a further extent of Rs. 20 lakhs; and a provision of Rs. 4.62 lakhs has been made under "Advances" for the Land Mortgage Bank for its daily transactions.

**Uplift of the Depressed classes.**—A separate department for the uplift of the depressed and backward communities has been functioning in the State for more than a decade and has been doing useful work. A sum of Rs. 0.71 lakh is ear-marked for this department for its activities which include development of colonies, educational concessions in Colleges and Schools, sinking wells in Harijan Colonies, maintenance of depressed class hostels, organisation of co-operative societies, etc. A special contribution of Rs. 2,750 is provided next year especially for sinking wells.

#### COLLECTION SERVICES

The collection services may be taken chiefly to include Land Revenue, Excise, Customs, Forests and Tramway, Registration and Anchal, Stamps and Income-tax. As the House is fully aware of, the Price Control and the Rice Control operations have expanded to such